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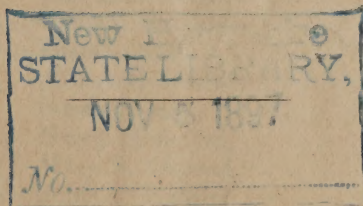
# SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 6, 1865.



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# REPORT

## REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE

### TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

#### IN A REPORT MADE

1880



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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By cash in the Treasury,	\$750 80
By cash received of the County for paupers,	158 20
Wm. C. French, col. for 1863,	
taxes,	406 00
C. J. Wadleigh's estate,	12 31
State Treasurer, for assignment 4	
volunteers,	248 00
Maria R. Whittier,	700 00
J. H. Cofran, guar. for S. C. Hall,	387 00
Braley J. Sanborn,	1,000 00
Eliza M. Moore,	200 00
Tax list for 1864,	4,439 52
Albert A. Gorrill,	200 00
Literary Fund,	54 32
Rachel Wyatt,	200 00
Melinda B. Hoag,	100 00
Wm. Jones,	600 00
Samuel Wyatt,	100 00
Jefferson D. Bean,	500 00
Andrew French,	120 00
Daniel E. Hill,	300 00
Jas. M. Clough,	300 00
Richard Bachelder,	450 00
Hiram Cross,	600 00
Albert McDaniel,	600 00
Susan Burley,	70 00
Nancy Hanaford,	300 00
Mary S. Osgood,	350 00
John A. Presby,	200 00
Sarah Presby,	200 00
Albert L. Titcomb,	840 00
Albert Brown,	800 00
Thos. Lyford,	500 00
Samuel S. Hersey,	300 00
Arthur T. Merrill.	750 00

By cash received of Robert Gray,	500 00
John W. Piper,	100 00
Moses F. Winslow,	100 00
Samuel Dicy,	100 00
Otis C. Hurlburt,	1,100 00
Jos. M. Simonds,	800 00
John H. Dinsmore,	200 00
Wm. S. Parsons,	3 50
Otis C. Hurlburt,	300 00
Jonathan Randall,	300 00
Jas. O. Walker,	183 12
Moses Bachelder,	550 00
Sally A. Hill,	100 00
David Hill,	100 00
Alexandria, for J. C. Dinsmore family,	21 42
Peter Sanborn, State Treasurer, State aid account,	1,529 28
Robert Smith,	150 00
Wm. H. Plumer,	100 00
Mary Clough,	150 00
Benj. Haines,	130 00
Thos. Gile, Jr.,	100 00
Hannah C. Smart,	200 00
Harry Shaw,	300 00
Alexandria, for Dinsmore family,	6 82
Reuben S. Whitcher,	200 00
Geo. G. Wadsworth,	200 00
Jos. S. Keyser,	700 00
John W. Downs,	200 00
Bow, for Mrs. L. B. Hill,	20 52
Asa K. Osgood, toward land,	20 00
Samuel Dicy,	200 00
Wm. H. Clough,	300 00
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	\$25,705 71

*Paid Outstanding Bills.*

House of Reformation, for N. W. Davis,	24 00
Oliver French, for guide boards.	7 46
Dr. Lyford's bill for 1863,	7 25
Auditors for 1864,	3 00
O. Glines, time and expense to Concord,	2 00
State Tax for 1863,	756 00



Town Clerk of Alexandria,	75
Hannah Cummings,	3 25
Dr. Whidden, bill for attending poor for year 1863-4,	25 00
Isaac Whittier, for administering oaths,	2 00
J. B. Batchelder, printing reports for 1864,	6 00
Benj. Collins, Jr. for care of town house and wood,	5 00
G. M. Riley, for care of mother,	2 00
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	\$843 71

*Paid for support of External Poor.*

Taylor & Hill, for Moses Foss,	50
“ Ed. Arlin,	2 00
Hannah Cummings, 1-2 cord wood,	1 62
Taylor & Hill, for Moses Foss,	2 00
Cogswell & Ayers, for H. Cummings,	1 68
Mr. Curtice, for attending funeral of E. Arlin,	1 00
Calvin Page, for coffin “	7 00
H. Brown, for articles and services at burial of E. Arlin,	5 00
L. B. Ames, 1-2 pint alcohol, “	18
Taylor & Hill, bill for E. Arlin and others,	15 86
L. B. Ames, for med. for Collins child and M. Foss,	1 37
David Hill, to Boscawen,	2 00
Groton, for assistance to Angeline Smith,	50 00
John L. Hodgdon, opening grave for E. Arlin,	1 50
Cogswell & Ayers, for H. Cummings,	5 70
Insane Asylum, for W. M. Sewall,	16 06
Loudon for Locke boys,	17 34
Dr. Willis, for Mrs. Ware and H. Fifield,	15 81
Dr. Ladd, “	14 00
Jer. Cross, Saunders family,	79 89
Cogswell & Ayers, for Wait Brown,	12 72
A. M. Cogswell, funeral expenses for Wait Brown,	12 50
S. C. Sewall, opening grave for Mrs. Ward,	1 50
Mr. Curtice, attending funeral “	1 00
A. Barnes, hearse “	1 00
Andover, for Mrs. J. Danforth,	14 10
Calvin Page, for coffin, robe, &c., Mrs. Ware,	11 00
Taylor & Hill, for A. P. Gitchel,	3 00
John L. Hodgdon, opening grave for Eli Smith,	1 50
John H. Joyce, for Mrs. Ware,	51 80
Mrs. Norton, “	8 00
Cogswell & Ayers, for H. Cummings,	10 47

Cogswell & Ayers, for Dinsmore boy,	6 82
W. L. Hill, house rent,	9 76
Taylor & Hill, for Moses Foss,	1 50
Dr. Weeks, for Wait Brown,	5 00
E. Thurston, for cord wood for M. Foss,	5 25
Geo. M. Riley, 13 weeks board of mother,	11 50
Orange, for Angeline Smith,	39 00
Loudon, for Mrs. Locke and Luther Rogers,	42 89
Dr. Lyford's bill for the year,	46 15
Isaac Whittier, 3 mos. rent for M. Foss,	3 00
Taylor & Hill, for J. C Dinsmore family,	5 50
W. S. Hill, cord wood for M. Foss,	3 50
L. B. Ames, medicine, &c.,	8 30
“	5 49
Geo. French, 1-2 cord wood for H. Cummings,	2 50
Jos. Smith, “ M. Foss,	5 00
David Brown, “ “	4 00
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	\$574 26

*Paid for support of Roads and Bridges.*

Jer. Cross, on bridge,	2 50
Cyrus C. Glines, building stone culvert,	6 00
Geo. M. Riley, 1 day's work on Sanborn bridge,	1 50
Reuben S. Witcher, work and material “	19 57
A. L. Sanborn, 1635 ft. plank, “	16 35
David Sawyer, 532 “ “	6 38
T. R. Clifford, timber and labor “	7 69
D. Dockham, 1 day's labor “	2 50
E. B. Calef, 2 3-4 “ “	3 75
J. N. Forrest, 1-2 “ “	75
Geo. S. Tebbetts, 1 “ “	1 50
M. L. Ludlow, 5 “ work on Piper bridge,	10 00
H. P. Sewall, material “	18 00
John F. Battis, 4 days labor “	8 00
Samuel Sewall, lumber “	9 97
Cogswell & Ayers, spikes “	2 43
Jos. A. Cofran, 2 day's labor on Cross bridge,	4 00
O. L. Dearborn, “ “	4 00
Jer. Cross, material, “	18 75
Geo. M. Riley, repairing highway,	5 00
John Dearborn, lumber for Cross bridge,	1 00
Taylor & Hill, spikes,	44



Hauling plank from Oak Hill,	1 25
Josiah Dearborn, for labor,	50
John Hill, for posts, &c. and railing road,	1 00
Harrison Keniston, flat stone,	2 00
Samuel B. Brown, 9 day's labor on Piper bridge,	17 00
Sanbornton, repairing Shaker bridge,	1 00
Benj. Clay, one day's labor on Piper bridge,	2 00
Geo. M. Riley, building stone causeway,	3 00
Hiram Tebbetts, for 1 day's labor on Shaker bridge,	1 50
Brown & Dearborn, bill for lumber,	41 74
John A. Hanaford, labor and stone for Piper bridge,	9 00
Geo. French, 2 day's labor	4 00
John S. Winslow, stone for 2 causeways,	5 00
David Brown, railing highway,	4 00
A. M. Cogswell, labor,	13 25
B. F. Cofran, 7 1-2 day's labor,	11 25

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\$267 57

*Paid State Aid to Soldiers' Families.*

Betsey Parsons,	7 00
Aurilla Presby,	120 00
Nancy J. Keniston,	104 00
Laura A. Dearborn,	144 00
Betsey Presby,	141 00
Julia A. Copp,	36 00
Eliza J. Flagg,	17 00
Louisa Arlin,	48 00
Maria J. Veasey,	132 00
Louisa M. Woodward,	144 00
Phebe Braley,	56 00
Dorothy A. Herrick,	28 00
Aranna E. Merrill,	34 35
Sarah A. Disnmore,	64 40
Sarah Cross,	71 20
Calvin J. Titcomb,	38 40
Grace H. Collins,	66 00
Abiah J. Piper,	66 80
J. M. Saunders and wife,	44 00
Lucretia J. Danforth,	32 00
Alice Coty,	22 00

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\$1,416 48

*Paid for Volunteers.*

Abraham G. Libby,	300 00
Conner & Appleton,	290 00
“	285 00
Asa C. Dort,	300 00
Lucian E. Knowles,	300 00
James H. Cofran,	300 00
Conner & Appleton,	290 00
Edward W. Saunders,	300 00
Wm. H. Clough,	300 00
Hiram H. Cross,	800 00
Albert McDaniel,	800 00
Nancy Hanaford,	300 00
David G. Ferson,	300 00
John S. Winslow,	300 00
Albert L. Titcomb,	800 00
Daniel E. Hill,	300 00
Albert Brown,	800 00
Frederick Keniston,	800 00
Jas. M. Clough,	300 00
Arthur T. Merrill,	800 00
John W. Piper,	800 00
Jos. S. Simonds,	800 00
John H. Dinsmore,	800 00
Samuel G. Hanaford,	300 00
J. S. Appleton,	300 00
Harry Shaw,	300 00
John W. Downs,	300 00

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 \$12,565 00
*Paid Interest and Principal on Notes.*

Mary S. Plum,	\$13 00
Eliza M. Glines,	213 21
Daniel Sanborn, jr.,	306 90
John Curry,	1,000 00
John S. Winslow,	51 95
John Curry,	500 00
Chas. H. Chase,	50 00
Aurilla Presby,	18 00
Nancy Hanaford,	25 00
Luther P. Townsend,	45 34
Wm. H. Clough,	302 60



N. H. Savings Bank,	124 07
Sam'l E. Moore,	123 60
Sarah C. Fellows,	123 60
John Curry,	50 00
Geo. Roberts,	157 95
Chas. H. Chase,	75 00
Chas. H. Davis,	30 00
Jas. O. Walker,	108 12
W. L. Presby,	304 90
John H. Dinsmore,	42 98
John Curry,	50 00
Nancy Hanaford,	25 00
John Curry,	266 90
Jos. French,	9 17
Hannah S. French,	8 76
Sarah A. Conant,	128 27
Simeon, jr. and A. Q. Farnum,	30 00
John H. Dinsmore,	5 00
Hiram Cilley,	111 00
Clough Gorrill,	223 43
Jas. O. Walker,	50 00
Josiah S. Sanborn,	2,201 77
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	\$5,775 52

*Paid Current expenses.*

L. Gerrish, stationery,	\$0 10
Postage,	09
Express to Laconia,	15
Expense to Franklin,	3 28
One day to Franklin,	1 00
B. W. Sanborn, stationery,	7 05
Internal stamps,	1 15
G. P. Lyon, for lot books and blanks,	85
A. M. Cogswell, express on reports,	15
Stamps, pens and pen-holders,	36
Internal and postage stamps,	66
A. Barnes, team to Andover,	1 50
R. N. Tilton, from Derry to Concord,	1 25
Internal and postage stamps,	1 00
Daniel Philbrick, fare to Concord,	75
Internal and postage stamps,	1 12
Wm. W. Cate, damages to horse and wagon,	2 00

Internal and postage stamps,	2 24
Internal and postage stamps,	2 00
B. W. Sanborn, for check lists,	1 50
Screws and use of job wagon,	1 42
Samuel C. Sewall, 1 day putting up guide boards,	1 75
Internal and postage stamps,	1 18
L. B. Ames, pens and elastics,	48
Taylor & Hill, lock for jury box,	15
Benj. Collins, jr., fare to Concord and back,	1 50
Internal stamps,	1 00
Center Smith's fare to Concord and back,	1 50
Moses Clark, damage on wagon,	1 00
Internal and postage stamps,	1 24
Three affidavits,	75
Town Clerk of Gilford, certificate,	75
Internal stamps,	1 00
Town Clerk of Northfield, 3 certificates,	1 12
A. G. Jones, 200 State aid blanks,	1 00
Morrill & Silsby, 2 check lists,	25
Register of Probate,	3 50
John W. Downs, expense to Concord,	1 05
J. M. Johnson, witness in J. Collins' case,	77
Alvah F. Hoit, as constable,	5 16
Asa P. Cate, services,	9 40
Jas. H. Cofran, correcting enrollment,	1 00
Town Clerk of Sanbornton, two certificate,	75
Isaac Whittier, in J. Collins' case,	2 34
H. T. Hill, services as Town Clerk, and record book,	39 00
Freewill B. Society, parsonage interest,	5 50
Episcopal " "	5 50
Congregational " "	5 50
Methodist " "	5 50
L. B. Ames, quire of paper,	35
C. C. Rogers' bill,	15 00
Jas. Haskell, on Samuel Dicy's order,	4 00
do.,	15 00
Samuel Dicy,	5 00
services of himself and wife 1 year,	200 00
use of poor farm,	45 00
David Brown, services as selectmen,	31 50
A. M. Cogswell, " "	70 65
A. M. Cogswell, cash paid out of town,	37 52
A. M. Cogswell, burial expenses of E. D. Smith,	2 50



A. M. Cogswell, board and horse keeping of selectmen,	2 25
B. F. Cofran, services as selectman,	93 75
B. F. Cofran, cash paid out and team out of town,	29 80
B. F. Cofran, enlisting men, correcting enrollment, &c.,	31 00
B. F. Cofran, expense do.,	52 00
B. F. Cofran, Treasurer,	25 00
B. F. Cofran, board of selectmen and horse-keeping,	29 74
B. F. Cofran, rent for office,	7 00
Solon F. Hill, Supt. School Committee,	32 89
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	\$859 93

*Paid in the case Forest vs. Northfield.*

Expense to Hanover to see Dr. Crosby,	\$6 55
Telegraphing to Dr. Crosby twice,	1 50
Susan Morrison, 4 days attendance and travel,	7 16
Joseph Clisby, 11 do	15 91
Sally Clisby, 11 do	15 91
Sarah Hill, 12 do	17 16
Susan H. Hill, 12 do	17 16
Wm. Gilman, 8 do	12 16
A. S. Melvin, 11 do	15 91
Marcia E. Turret, 4 days attendance and 2 travels,	9 32
David Hill, 9 days attendance and travel,	13 66
Dorothy E. Hill, 2 do	2 50
Augustus Barnes, 12 do	17 16
Dr. Dixie Crosby, 3 days expense and travel,	54 00
Daniel A. Hill, 18 days attendance and travel,	24 66
Dr. A. H. Robinson, 1 do	10 00
Telegraphing,	1 14
Mrs. E. G. Smith, 2 days attendance and travel,	4 16
Henry T. Hill, for summoning witnesses,	1 16
Arminta Weymouth, 3 days attendance and travel,	5 91
Priscilla Kiniston, 13 do	18 41
Dr. P. Whidden, 13 do	24 31
S. B. Rogers, 19 do	40 75
Dr. B. Lyford, 16 do	27 16
Betsey C. Evans, 4 do	7 16
Daniel E. Hill, 16 do	22 16
Asa P. Cate, for council, service and expense,	63 30
B. F. Cofran, for fare and hotel expense,	19 25
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	\$476 09

*Paid reference, Glines vs. Northfield.*

For taking Jas. H. Plumer's affidavit,	50
Team and expense to Gilmanton and Lake Village,	1 75
Andrew Woodman, for 1 day's attendance and travel,	2 25
George R. Smith, do	2 25
John Kimball, do	1 00
Referees J. G. Brown, T. R. Clifford, and E. S. Wadleigh,	6 00
David Brown, for bond and stamp,	75
David Brown, expense at reference,	2 00
Job Glines, damage to horse and wagon,	17 50
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	\$34 00

*Paid School Money to the several Districts.*

L. R. Brown, in Dist. No. 1,	\$66 02
Clough Gorrill, " 2,	79 12
Chas. C. Cross, " 3,	46 51
Albert A. Gorrill, " 4,	63 74
Chas. H. Ayers, " 5,	88 10
Jas. H. Cofran, " 6,	48 84
John S. Winslow, " 7,	57 82
Geo. S. Tibbets, " 8,	28 19
Jer'h Cross, " 9,	14 89
David G. Ferson, " 10,	123 75
Eben. Thurston, " 11,	28 30
Mardin settlement,	5 01
Fellows settlement,	6 71
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	\$657 00

Paid State tax for 1864,	\$1,400 00
Paid County tax for 1864,	586 50
Highway receipts,	57 80
Taxes refunded and errors,	32 41
Abatements,	54 20

*Notes due from the Town, and amount of each, March 8, 1865.*

Nancy Smith,	\$154 77
Jos. C. Wyatt,	1,277 37
Lucy R. Hill,	105 39



Mary S. Plumer,	241 18
Thos. Lyford,	237 41
Hiram Cross,	337 85
Charles H. Chase,	154 24
Luther P. Townsend,	204 83
Sarah Curry,	237 13
Jos. French,	131 71
Hannah S. French,	202 63
Martha Clark,	804 95
E. S. Wadleigh,	315 64
Shubael Dearborn, jr.,	94 52
Hiram Cilley,	301 00
Hiram Cilley,	200 67
Marcia E. Forrest,	45 15
R. G. L. Bartlett,	114 15
Statira Collins,	114 15
Samuel B. Brown,	347 63
Daniel Blanchard,	115 86
M. W. Glines,	57 87
Frances M. Glines,	86 81
Sarah J. Glines,	46 30
Helen M. Glines,	56 77
Chas. A. Gile,	113 50
Chas. A. Gile,	116 09
Wm. P. Whidden,	57 87
N. H. Savings Bank,	2,112 66
Samuel E. Moore,	1,022 66
Sarah C. Fellows,	1,022 66
Sarah P. Comerford,	54 20
M. W. Glines,	59 55
Jos. C. Wyatt,	207 86
Albert McDaniel,	230 89
Chas. F. Woodward,	283 89
Robert Gray,	116 51
Walter F. Glines,	347 30
E. J. Cate,	153 25
Charles H. Davis,	86 00
Calvin W. Beck,	174 16
Francis M. Glines,	48 29
Mahala Hill,	55 95
E. S. Wadleigh,	156 12
A. T. Merrill,	55 49
Sarah Glines,	136 07

M. W. Glines,	90 40
Frances M. Glines,	47 44
Arthur T. Merrill,	107 59
Simeon Farnum, jr.,	152 22
Aaron Q. Farnum,	152 00
Betsey K. Colby,	161 31
Hannah C. Smart,	214 47
Daniel M. Huse,	107 48
George Hancock,	53 74
Albert Brown,	214 76
Malinda B. Hoag,	107 37
Wm. H. Plumer,	54 19
Daniel Blanchard,	428 24
Daniel Blanchard,	1,284 72
George Page,	535 30
John Curry,	1,557 77
Harrison Brown,	182 00
Simeon Farnum, jr.,	104 04
Aaron Q. Farnum,	104 04
Samuel C. Sanborn,	655 65
Samuel Forrest,	660 83
Wm. B. Wadsworth,	1,101 51

Total amount,	\$20,674 80
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*Notes given within the year, and the amount of each  
March 8, 1864.*

Marcia R. Whittier,	\$735 70
Jas. H. Cofran, guar. for S. C. Hall,	406 29
Braley J. Sanborn,	1,049 83
Eliza M. Moore,	209 97
Albert A. Gorrill,	209 13
Rachel Wyatt,	206 73
Malinda B. Hoag,	103 36
Wm. Jones,	621 40
Samuel Wyatt,	103 41
Jefferson D. Bean,	517 33
Andrew French,	123 90
Daniel E. Hill,	310 25
Jas. M. Clough,	310 25
Richard Bachelder,	463 95
Hiram H. Cross,	618 60
Albert McDaniel,	618 60



Susan Burley,	72 19
Nancy Hanaford,	263 94
Mary S. Osgood,	360 38
John A. Presby,	205 87
Sarah Presby,	205 87
Albert L. Titcomb,	864 72
Albert Brown,	822 53
Thos. Lyford,	513 75
Samuel S. Hersey,	308 10
Arthur T. Merrill,	770 87
Robert Gray,	513 08
John W. Piper,	102 62
Moses F. Winslow,	102 59
Samuel Dicy,	102 59
Otis C. Hurlburt,	1,128 23
Jos. S. Simonds,	822 66
John H. Dinsmore,	155 89
Otis C. Hurlburt,	306 00
Jonathan Randall,	305 20
James O. Walker,	135 52
Moses Bachelder,	558 25
Sally Hill,	101 37
David Hill,	101 37
Robert Smith,	151 62
Wm. H. Plumer,	101 07
Mary Clough,	151 55
Benj. Haines,	131 13
Thos. Gile, jr.,	100 92
Hannah C. Smart,	201 53
Harry Shaw,	303 45
Reuben S. Witcher,	201 27
Geo. G. Wardsworth,	202 77
Jos. S. Keyser,	703 97
John W. Downs,	200 45
Samuel Dicy,	200 33

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\$19,082 35

A. M. COGSWELL,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
B. F. COFRAN,	
DAVID BROWN,	

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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We the subscribers having examined the accounts of the Selectmen of the town, and Treasurer, for the years 1864 and 1865, up to the date hereof as herein reported, respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and properly vouched and explained.

The following we submit as a brief financial statement of the affairs of the town :

Amount of cash received,	\$25,705 71
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Paid as follows, to wit :

State and county tax,	1,986 50
Schools	657 00
Highway receipts,	57 80
Abatements, including town farm,	54 24
Taxes refunded and errors,	32 41
Outstanding bills, including State tax of 1863,	843 71
Support of external poor,	574 26
Roads and bridges,	267 57
Aid to soldier's families,	1,416 48
Volunteers,	12,565 00
Notes and interest,	5,775 52
Current expenses,	859 93
Forrest case,	476 09
Glines reference,	34 00
	\$25 600 51

Balance in the treasury, \$105 20.

Indebtedness of the town,	\$39,757 15
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### *Available Means.*

Due from the county,	306 47
State aid,	1,188 00
United States for 9 assignments,	2,160 00
Railroad tax,	182 35
	\$3,836 82
	\$35,920 33

We find also that there is due in addition to the amount of liabilities as aforesaid, to B. F. Cofran, after deducting the



aforesaid balance of \$105 20, the sum of \$108 37, and that there is a balance of taxes of the current year uncollected of \$141 98, from which it is estimated that \$66 98 may be collected.

We also find there is a balance due from the collector of 1863, as per last year's report of taxes uncollected, \$770 89, from which is to be deducted the collector's fees and uncollectable taxes.

A. P. CATE,  
HEZEKIAH BEAN, } Auditors.

March 8, 1864.

### POOR FARM REPORT.

*Schedule of Property appraised at Poor Farm, as made  
Feb. 20, 1865.*

2 oxen,	\$200 00
2 four years old steers,	130 00
2 three years old steers,	55 00
5 cows,	140 00
2 two years old heifers,	45 00
4 yearlings,	56 00
3 calves,	24 00
25 sheep,	87 50
2 shoties,	25 00
13 hens,	4 50

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\$767 00

#### *Hay.*

4 tuns English hay,	\$120 00
10 tuns fresh hay,	150 00

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\$270 00

Lumber,	130 00
Farming tools,	88 00
Furniture,	25 00
Provisions, &c,	281 02
Wood on hand,	40 00

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\$564 02

#### *Names and ages of persons at Alms House.*

David Morrill, aged	82
David Kimball, "	65

Huldah Fifield, aged	50
Emma Fifield, "	15
John Lovering, "	10
Jane Danforth, "	9
Ella Danforth, "	7
Alfred Danforth, "	4
Weston Danforth, "	3

Whole amount of invoice,	\$1,601 02	
for 1864,	1,635 27	
		<u>\$34 25</u>
Paid Samuel Dicy and wife for services,	\$200 00	
for use of farm,	69 72	
		<u>\$303 97</u>
Allowed for county paupers,	\$95 50	
Due on note for hay,	13 00	
		<u>\$108 50</u>
		<u>\$195 47</u>

A. M. COGSWELL, }  
 B. F. COFRAN, } Selectmen.  
 DAVID BROWN, }

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Leroy R. Brown, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms. Taught by Miss Clara C. Scribner. This is rather a difficult school to manage, but this teacher succeeded tolerably well in maintaining order. The younger portion of the scholars, gave some indications of improvement. A more careful analysis of elementary principles, in the more advanced studies, would have been creditable to the teacher and profitable to the school.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Clough Gorrell, Prudential Committee.

Summer term. Taught by Miss Arminda Weymouth. I am unable to report anything definite about this school, as only two scholars were present at the closing examination, neither of whom were present at the commencement. I am inclined to believe that the school was unprofitable in the extreme, owing to a want of co-operation between the parents and teacher. I think the teacher did her best to make the school pleasant and profitable, and I would suggest to the parents to exercise a little more charity, under the like circumstances, if they wish to derive any benefit from their school.

Fall term. Taught by Miss Addie J. Gorrell, who has taught in this district before, with good success. She is faithful and efficient, and endeavors to do her whole duty. A little more energy infused into her administration, would have added to its usefulness.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Charles C. Cross, Prudential Committee.

Summer and fall terms. Taught by Mrs. Rebecca R. Cross. This is a small school, of small scholars; many of them showed good progress in their studies. Some, showed some elegant specimens of map-drawing.



## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Albert Gorrell, Prudential Committee.

Summer term. Taught by Miss Addie J. Gorrell, who maintained her former reputation for faithfulness and interest in her work. The order in this school was good, and progress quite satisfactory.

Winter term. Taught by Miss Therina Osgood. This teacher has very correct ideas of a teacher's duty, both theoretically and practically. Her school appeared very well at my first visit, and I anticipated a very profitable term. I did not receive notice of its close, in season to visit it again. I learn, however, that the school was eminently successful.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Charles H. Ayers, Prudential Committee.

Summer and fall terms. Taught by Miss Susan G. Ayers. As usual, Miss Ayers has taught this school many terms, and her name is sufficient recommendation.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

James H. Cofran, Prudential Committee.

Summer term. Taught by Miss Helen M. Cofran. This was her first attempt at teaching. At my first visit, both teacher and scholars, appeared to be working together harmoniously and successfully. I did not visit the school at the close, relying upon the expectation that after a short vacation, Miss Cofran would resume her duties, when I might review the whole. I understand, however, that she gave good satisfaction.

Fall term. Taught by Miss Lizzie G. Kimball, a teacher of extensive experience and high reputation. At my first visit, everything was progressing favorably; but as I was not notified of its close, I did not visit it but one.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

John S. Winslow, Prudential Committee.

Summer term. Taught by Miss Susan B. Smart. This was one of the best schools of the year, as Miss Smart is one of our best teachers. This school, in its order and improvement, showed the hearty co-operation of the teacher and parents, many of whom were present at the closing examination. I would recommend their example to the consideration of parents generally. Found excellent progress in reading and arithmetic, and excellent exercises in composition, by the younger members of the school.

Fall term. Taught by Miss Ella L. Winslow, a teacher of some experience and tolerable ability. Her school appeared very well at its commencement, but as I was not notified of its close, I did not visit it but once.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

George S. Tibbetts, Prudential Committee.

Winter term, of six weeks only. Taught by Miss Charlotte Tibbetts. The close of this term came so near the commencement, that there was but little opportunity for visible improvement. The general appearance of the school, was quite good.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

Jeremiah Cross, Prudential Committee.

Winter term, only. Taught by Miss Emma Gile, a teacher of large experience and acknowledged ability. She succeeded well in this school, making it both pleasant and profitable.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

David G. Ferson, Prudential Committee.

Summer term. Taught by Clara A. Clisby, a teacher of large experience and high reputation, which she successfully maintained in this difficult school. No teacher has applied herself to the duties with more zeal, than Miss Clisby. At the closing examination, her school appeared well in all its departments.

Winter term. Taught by Miss Lizzie A. Chase, also a teacher of the highest literary qualifications and previous reputation. The school appeared in excellent condition at my first visit, but as the school closed prematurely, I was not notified of the close, and did not visit it but once.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

Ebenezer Thurston, Prudential Committee.

Summer term. Taught by Miss Selina L. Thurston. This was her first school, but she met with the best success. The order was excellent, and the recitations were clear and concise. Her manner of instruction was very thorough, especially in elementary principles; on the whole, a profitable school.

Such, in brief, has been the progress and standing of our schools for the past year. Although some of them have not been what they ought to have been, or even what they might have been, others have manifested a high degree of improvement. Many of the teachers employed have been well qualified for their chosen calling, combining the proper literary qualifications with good executive ability, and faithfulness in the discharge of duty. A few, I am sorry to say, have not been so well suited to their vocation as would have been desirable. The selection of teachers is the most important trust connected with our school administration. It requires the greatest prudence and the most careful discrimination in the selection of teachers. Not every one who would succeed well in one particular school, would do well in every one. Teachers should be selected with particular reference to the particular school in which they are to be employed. In this matter, I fear some Prudential Committees have been influenced in their selections by something besides the good of the districts. No selfish motive ever ought to be allowed to stand in the way of the faithful discharge of duty. Every person, in any way connected with our school management, should be actuated only



by a high sense of duty and moral obligation. Their energies should be concentrated upon the one great object before them,—the moral and intellectual training of the rising generation. The importance of this is self-evident to all. No course of reasoning can make it more plain, that the diffusion of intelligence among the masses is the only safe basis of individual, as well as national, greatness,—the fundamental principle of republican liberty. Education develops the mind which makes the men, which make the nation. Our fathers realized this at the beginning, and put it in their political fabric the chief corner-stone. They have made the most ample provision for its support, and watched its welfare with a jealous anxiety. It has been our nation's chief pride and glory in the past and in the future, must be relied upon as the chief bulwark of our liberty and independence. There are many things to which I would like to call your attention in this connection, but having received premonitions to make this report brief as possible, I am obliged to omit many things of importance. I would suggest to the citizens of Districts No. 6 and 8, the necessity of making some provision with regard to their schoolhouses. These houses are very "uncomfortable," to say the least. Our present amount of school money is not sufficient for the requisite amount of schooling, under the present high prices. The wages of teachers should increase in proportion to other kinds of labor, which must necessarily shorten our schools. In Districts No. 8 and 9, the whole amount of schooling for the year has been but six weeks in each district. This really ought not to be, but can only be remedied by an increase of school money. A recommendation to increase your appropriation for the present year would not meet with special favor, I fear; but the tendency of everything is upward, and our schools must decrease in length still more, if some action is not taken to prevent it.

SOLON F. HILL, Superintendent.

Northfield, March 4, 1865.



